

This is the shortest day of the year. The merry-go-round is on deck again. The railroad is doing a rushing freight business.

"Woman's Devotion" at the Academy of Music to-night.

One fare for the round trip on the railroads during the holidays.

Close the crap dives, and bring the vagrants under the majesty of the law.

A merry, merry Christmas to all our readers! Peace on earth, good will to men!

Will there be no wedding, not even one, to gladden the Holiday season in the Valley?

Bishop D. S. Tuttle of the Episcopal church will be in Ironton on Sunday, January 23d.

The Sunday schools will all have entertainments of some kind or other for the little ones.

Born, to Rev. and Mrs. F. M. Shoush, Monday, December 19th, 1892, a boy. All are doing well.

The Syntite Granite Company expects some good contracts, and will be at work in earnest by spring.

G. D. Marks is now domiciled in his new house. Collector Whitworth will remove into his new home about January 1st.

There were baptismal services near the bridge Sunday afternoon, Rev. Shoush officiating. Two converts were immersed.

Mouday night was the coldest of the season and the mercury in the thermometer shrank almost to the bottom of the tube.

The show people will have a Christmas tree for the edification of the little ones at the matinee performance Saturday afternoon.

There was no school in the primary department for several days of last week, owing to the illness of the teacher, Miss Markham.

Another preacher was expected at the Presbyterian church last Sunday, but he failed to appear at the appointed time, and who will be the next minister for that congregation is yet unknown.

A petition was circulated in town one day last week, addressed to Gov. Francis, asking the pardon of ex-State Treasurer, E. T. Noland. It was generally signed out of sympathy for Mrs. Noland.

Brakeman Green, who worked on the Arcadia train while Mr. O'Brien was taking a lay off a couple of months since, was killed in a wreck near Blackwell Sunday night. The deceased was quite popular among his associates, and his death is generally deplored.

Residents of the Valley were startled by a slight shock of earthquake last Friday morning about seven o'clock. Houses creaked, windows rattled, and the sound was not unlike that of distant thunder. The shock seems to have been felt all through the Southeast.

The colored talent of the Valley will give a genuine negro minstrel entertainment at the Academy of Music, Thursday evening, December 29th. Two-thirds of the house will be reserved for the white people, and the management says the public may expect a good show.

Missouri's mineral exhibit at the World's Fair will contain miniature representations of both Pilot Knob and Iron Mountain, showing the strata in each and the mineral as far as discovered. It will be a novel and interesting piece of work, and promises to add much to the display.

The contest over some of the post-offices in Iron county grows warm and when the time for the changes arrives, there promises to be one or two interesting contests. As far as the post-office at Ironton is concerned a number of likely applicants are named, but no definite steps as yet seem to have been taken.

There was a head-on collision between two freight trains between Summit and Mineral Point last Friday evening. In consequence the track was blocked several hours, and the Arcadia train did not arrive here until after two o'clock Saturday morning. The collision was occasioned by an oversight of the train dispatcher.

The Star Comedy Company is playing a week's engagement in the Academy of Music. Monday night "The Land Agent" was presented, Tuesday, "New York by Night," and to-night "Woman's Devotion" will be given. The company is a good one and their productions are excellent. Change of programme every night. Reserved seats at the post-office.

Collector Whitworth desires to inform the County Court and its efficient Clerk that he is under many obligations to them for their generous interest in his welfare and consequent tenderness toward the business end of his breeches, and that his cup of happiness will be full if additional appropriations be made toward the re-enforcement of the Clerk's coat-lining and the Court's low-quarter shoes.

One day last week the principal of Des Arc public school punished a son of Thomas Fitz for violation of school regulations. The boy, who is about fifteen years old, showed fight, but was conquered. At noon the same day Fitz went near to the schoolhouse and assaulted the teacher as the latter came back from dinner. Things then quieted down until evening, when Fitz, who it appears was "laying for" him, again assaulted him and beat him, choked him, etc. This is the story as it is told us. As the case will be before the courts, the REGISTER refrains from detail or comment.

The young folks will give a ball and supper at the Academy of Music Friday night of next week. A grand time is assured.

Capt. P. R. Crisp has just received one of the nicest, largest and most complete selections of Christmas goods ever brought to the Valley. The stock embraces novelties, useful and ornamental, beautiful hanging lamps, jewelry, fine stationery, Christmas cards, china goods, in fact, most anything in the way of Christmas articles. A line of perfumes that cannot be excelled anywhere; pocket-books, etc., etc., and all at prices astonishingly low. Call and see the splendid assortment.

Nannie B., the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Sebastian, died at the home of the parents, Buford's mill, on November 17th, 1892. The little one scarcely felt the breath of life, before the pure and unsullied spirit was called to heaven. Bitter is the grief, and gloomy the home from where this jewel has been taken, but the afflicted ones have that peace of mind which comes from knowing that their little Nannie now dwells where pain and sorrow never come, and bliss and joy are everlasting. The parents and sorrowing grand-mother, Mrs. N. B. Griffith, have universal sympathy in their dark hour of grief.

Do You Know That

The ice was almost two inches thick on the ponds one night last week? One of Ironton's belles prefer the "smoker" when traveling on the railway?

There are but ten more days of Leap Year?

"Tom and Jerry" and Hot Scotchies are in demand?

In the course of time Louis Miller and A. Begley promise to own the greater portion of Arcadia?

A great many persons who have found no relief from other treatment, have been cured of rheumatism by Chamberlain's Pain Balm. Do not give up until you have tried it. It is only 50 cents per bottle. For sale by P. R. Crisp.

Bellevue Items.

Ed. Register.—The Iron Mountain Company is paying forty-five cents a bushel for corn, and the farmers are hauling their surplus to them; as a consequence our roads are badly cut up.

Dr. J. H. Padfield came from St. Louis yesterday to spend the holidays in Bellevue.

John McHenry and sister, of Marquette, were visiting Miss Laura Valle last week.

Our public school closes next Friday. Both patrons and pupils regret the term is so short, as Miss Barnes is an excellent teacher. There will be recitations and music by the pupils in the afternoon Friday, and at night there will be a "crazy supper" and good bill of fare, and the young girls to wait on the table. Miss Dora Van Nort will teach a subscription school commencing just after the holidays.

The ladies of the Methodist church gave a supper for the benefit of the new church, and realized thirty-two dollars. Jesse W. Hale had a box supper at his school to raise a library fund. Every one had a pleasant time, and he had a nice sum to help pay for the books.

McKinney Bros. shipped two car loads of fat cattle last week.

There has been two weddings in the Cedar Creek neighborhood in the last few days, and Rumor says there will be a marriage ceremony in the Baptist church next Sunday morning.

T. N. Marr wears a broader smile than usual, all on account of the arrival of a little daughter at his house. John Hartman bought the McDonald place of M. E. Low, and will move his family here in a few days.

Applicants for the post-office here continue to increase; some one will have to be disappointed. D. H. Hartman has made a good post-master, but the maxim is, "to the victor belong the spoils," so the prospect is he will give place to a good Democrat.

Eugene M. Logan is constantly on the go. He must be after some kind of office.

Dec. 19, 1892.

Reduced Rates For the Holidays.

Tickets will be on sale at one fare for the round trip during the holidays, to all points not distant more than 200 miles. Tickets on sale December 24th, 25th, 26th and 31st, 1892, and January 1st and 2d, 1893, good to return up to and including January 4th, 1893.

Annapolis News.

Ed. Register.—Mrs. Eustice Rockwell has been in St. Louis the past week.

Lee Castrol was in town last week.

Judge Hart made a flying trip to Hogan one day last week.

There will in all probability be trouble between the railroad people and the county road officials over the new county road, which proposes to cross the railroad four times in two miles, three grade crossings and once under a bridge. The railroad officials think this is an unreasonable demand. Mr. McCabe, the company detective, was down looking over the ground and interviewing Mr. Alcorn, our road Supervisor.

Marion Lewis moved into town last week.

Wm. Lewis, of Bear Branch, better known as "Skipper Bill," who has just been released from the Iron county jail, where he was confined for killing fish with dynamite, says the kindness of the people of Ironton will never be forgotten. The only thing he objects to was being fed through the bars like a cow.

Thos. Fitz, of Des Arc, was in town Thursday.

Frank Warren is down with a sore leg.

John McManus was in town to-day. Ben Kitchell is home once more. Mrs. Joseph Pierce, of De Soto, was in town yesterday, but went out to Crane Pond to visit her mother, Mrs. J. M. Brown.

Mr. Smith says that the poultry business is doing fairly well, the only drawback being the scarcity of eggs. Dec. 18, 1892.

WANTED.—By a first-class dressmaker, the patronage of the ladies of Ironton. Will try and give satisfaction. Residence in one of the Emerson cottages. Mrs. W. M. ANDERSON.

Des Arc Items.

We have had one clear day at last. Dr. Strong of Ironton was down to see Robt. Huff, who is very sick.

Prof. Kness of Graniteville is visiting friends at Des Arc.

Mr. and Mrs. Stamp, parents of Mrs. E. W. Graves, of York State will spend the holidays at Des Arc.

Mrs. Lucy, nee Ida Sullivan, is visiting Mrs. F. R. Raney. Frank has gone south selling school supplies.

The express sale at Piedmont was a big humbug. Some of our boys got badly left on some articles they bought.

John Collins and sister, Mrs. Chase, will spend Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. H. Collins.

Christmas is here again. While many children are looking forward for their dolls and toys, there will be many a poor child that will not even have a shoe to put on their little feet. I hope while the rich are bestowing their gifts on their children they will remember the poor and contribute something to keep off the cold winter blasts of these poor children.

I called in to see our poor sick friend, Robt. Huff, this evening. It made my heart feel sad to hear him say to the doctor, "Please leave me something that will relieve my suffering when it comes on again. This is my well day, but I may suffer again to-night." Poor fellow, I don't think he will last twenty-four hours longer, but thank God he is waiting and watching and is ready for the Master's call. How sad it is, dear friends, and we soon will follow him.

Electric Bites.

This remedy is becoming so well known and so popular as to need no special mention. All who have used Electric Bites sing the same song of praise.—A pure medicine does not exist and it is guaranteed to do all that is claimed. Electric Bites will cure all diseases of the Liver and Kidneys, will remove Pimples, Boils, Salt Rheum and other affections caused by impure blood.—Will cure Malaria from the system and prevent its return as well as all Malaria fever.—For cure of Headache, Constipation and Indigestion by Electric Bites.—Entire satisfaction guaranteed, or money refunded.—Price 50 cents, and \$1.00 per bottle at P. R. Crisp's Drug Store.

From Goodwater.

Ed. Register.—But little work reporting has occurred hereabouts since my last communication was written.

Among the events that have transpired in this locality during the past month, I note the following:

Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester McLean of Cub Creek visited relatives in this neighborhood.

Mr. Wilson of near Salem, Mo., and Thos. D. Hughes of Howe's Mill, Dent county, Mo., bought a lot of fat hogs in this and adjoining neighborhoods and shipped them to St. Louis, via Hope-well.

John Sutton bought a lot of cattle near here about three weeks ago; since that time he bought a lot of cattle from D. S. Love and purchased a lot of fat hogs.

J. G. Mason and family have moved to the farm of W. R. Wood on Indian Creek, near the southwestern corner of Washington county.

Wm. Parker, a cattle buyer from Dent county, was in this section recently.

Arthur Williams of Dent county and George Martin of near Dillard, Crawford county, passed a few days with relatives in this locality.

It is said that J. J. Townsend has purchased a twenty-four horse-power stationary engine which he intends to use in connection with his saw-mill near Crocker's mill. It is also said that he intends purchasing a planer ere long to operate at the same place.

An infant child of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Wood, of Iron Mountain, that died there recently, was buried in the cemetery at Emmaus' church on the 26th ult.

Mr. Jasper Anderson, Jr., of near Bellevue, bought a lot of hogs hereabouts recently.

Mr. Benjamin Dennis has been sick for some time, but is believed to be out of danger now, though still quite ill.

The four-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Crocker, fell into the fire and was so severely burned that after lingering and much suffering, she died. All the family, excepting the child referred to and her sick brother, were absent from the house when the accident occurred. When the girl fell into the fire her clothing caught and she burned, and her brother, who hurried to her aid, was compelled to dash water on her before he succeeded in quenching the flames. Her remains were interred in the cemetery on Mr. Joseph Abbott's farm, on the 6th inst.

It is said that Mr. James M. Lucas is about to enlarge his store-house.

Dec. 16, 1892.

COUGHING LEADS TO CONSUMPTION.

Kemp's Balsam stops the cough at once.

Personal.

Mrs. A. C. Pilley, Mrs. Katie Delano and Master Frankie were in St. Louis several days of last week.

Mr. E. C. Russell, a native of the Valley, but now practicing law in Vicksburg, Miss., and wife are visiting Mr. Giles Russell and family at Sabula.

Mrs. Magdalena Rutschman is visiting Mrs. H. W. Adolph at Poplar Bluff. Miss Belle Craine left Tuesday for St. Louis and her sister, Miss Katie, will spend the holidays at St. Charles.

Miss Annie Kendall is visiting in Farmington.

J. V. Ryan of New York City is visiting his parents in the Valley.

T. P. Copening of the firm of Bess & Copening, proprietors of the Poplar Bluff Marble Works, was in town Tuesday.

"A snake in the grass" is all the more dangerous from being unsuspected. So are many of the blood medicines offered the public. To avoid all risk, ask your druggist for Ayer's Sarsaparilla, and also for Ayer's Almanac, which is just out of the new year.

Go to Mrs. H. O. Davis, Ironton Book Store, for your Holiday Goods. Sewing Machines \$25 and upwards.

Job-Work of all kinds at this office.

Graniteville Items.

Mrs. Scott Bateman left Sunday for Steelville and Cuba, Mo., to spend the holidays with relatives at those places.

Rupert Smith is now filling a promising position with the Amberg Granite Company of Amberg, Wis.

Mr. E. M. Smith has been confined to his house the past few days with a sore foot, caused from stepping on a nail that had been driven through a board, but is now able to get around a little.

The Syntite Granite Company laid off their block-makers Saturday evening.

Bills are up as evidence of the ball to be given at Workmen's Hall Friday evening, December 23d, under the auspices of our Graniteville Brass Band members and a good crowd is expected.

The holiday season will be enlivened in our town through the event of a couple of weddings.

Jack Snadell has sold his property in the east side of town to Harry Houchens, considerable, \$400.

George Cloud purchased a \$42 horse on Saturday evening last for fifty cents. Verily, horseflesh is getting cheap.

George Whitman also drives a fine big draft horse and small wagon recently purchased from Joe Schreiner of Middlebrook for \$75.

Real estate and personal property sales have been on the boom in this vicinity for several days past, but work is still pretty slack.

Most all of our merchants have on hand a fine display of Xmas goods, toys, etc., and each day of the coming of Santa Claus seems a month to the little urchins, as some of them have already been heard to remark.

Our district school master had quite a tussle with one of his scholars Friday last, who, perhaps, thought himself a little pugilistic and could out general his teacher. But the wily master was equal to the occasion and soon became master of the situation in a manner much to the discomfort of the unruly boy, who was quite easily subdued.

The Sunday School children of the M. E. church will be treated to a Xmas tree on Saturday evening, December 24th.

The Graniteville Social Glee Club is thoroughly organized and under good working order.

The writer hereof, having nothing to do, concluded on Friday last to spend the day sight-seeing in the county seat. So on the morning in question he boarded the hack of Harford Collins that runs daily between Ironton and Graniteville and started Irontonward, arriving at our place of destination at 9 A. M.

proceeded to the barber shop of that kind old tonsorial artist Mr. Segner, who hollows out "nicks," so in I went and in a few minutes was soon in a condition to approach the station of Mr. Grover Cleveland when he assumes the executive office on the 4th of March next. Having thus been treated to a facial renovating we next picked up in the headquarters of the Democracy of Iron county, the REGISTER office. There we found the talent in a terrible bustle getting ready to take the first train on a holiday trip to St. Louis.

The talent had no time to talk to dudes from Graniteville and with strict orders to the compositors to exclude all imposters from the press rooms, we therefore took our leave very good naturedly and proceeded to the house of equity, the first door to the left of the main hall that caught our eye was the Collector's office, but before entering we began to wonder if our pocket-book could stand a very heavy draw or not, so we thought to call at any rate, and stand the consequences. We did so, and there found that whole-souled, broad-shouldered, portly built, jovial sort of a fellow, P. W. Whitworth, with coat and hat off, relating a somewhat romantic story of a party of Iron-tonians, who not many months ago took a trip to Wayne county, the sequel of which was to the detriment of the writer's pocket. The relation of which was to the detriment of the writer's pocket. The relation of which was to the detriment of the writer's pocket.

What a legacy to bequeath to her children, money or position, fame or power might be taken away from them, but never, never so long as they may live can the knowledge and example of her beautiful character, of her pure and lovely influence be denied them. Can the grave hide this, can time dim our eyes to her manifold virtues, to her many lovely traits of character? Ah, no, she is not dead, such lives can truly never die, for death is, "but life stopping in its singing, to take breath for endless song." That self-sacrificing mothers love can never die, that devoted wife's affection can never be quenched, that loving heart, always full of sympathy for others can never languish.

Even now, though the dear face be hidden, she is with us in spirit and through the mist of years to be, she will be the guardian angel of her loved ones.

M. L. H.

It Should Be in Every House.

J. B. Wilson, 371 Clay St., Sharpsburg, Pa., says he will not be without Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, that he cured his wife who was threatened with pneumonia after an attack of "La Grippe," when various other remedies and several physicians had done her no good. Robert Barber, of Cookport, Pa., claims Dr. King's New Discovery has done him a great deal of good than anything he ever used for Lung Trouble. Nothing like it. Try it. Free Trial Bottles at P. R. Crisp's Drug Store. Large bottles, 50c. and \$1.00.

City Taxes.

City taxes are now due and must be paid before January 1st, 1893, or additional costs will follow. All who have not paid their taxes will bear this in mind and save additional money, trouble and costs. A word to the wise is sufficient. Come forward now and pay. I do not want to make it unpleasant for you, but I shall have to proceed against all delinquents.

J. L. BALDWIN, City Collector.

Ironton, Mo., Dec. 13, 1892.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria. When she was Child, she cried for Castoria. When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria. When she had children, she gave them Castoria.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

have to hunt them up or wait three or four hours for their return, but to the contrary, each and every official was at his post of duty.

Rev. O. W. Rose will spend Tuesday and Wednesday on business in De Soto. Billy O'Brien is still very low and growing weaker.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Blew, Saturday last, a son. Mother and boy are getting along nicely.

December 19th, 1892. NOVICE.

The laws of health are taught in our schools; but not in a way to be of much practical benefit and are never illustrated by living examples, which in many cases could easily be done. If some scholar, who had just contracted a cold was brought before the school, so that all could hear the dry loud cough, and know its significance; see the thin white coating on the tongue, and later, as the cold develops, see the profuse watery expectoration and thin watery discharge from the nose, not one of them would ever forget what the first symptoms of a cold were. The scholar should then be given Chamberlain's Cough Remedy freely, that all might see that even a severe cold could be cured in one or two days, or at least greatly mitigated, when properly treated as soon as the first symptoms appear. For sale by P. R. Crisp.

Obituary.

BENJAMIN F. BONE was born April 5th, 1844, and died December 4th, 1892, aged 48 years, 8 months and 29 days. Our loss is a severe one and we are sad and cold, but we hope to meet him some time where pleasure is purer than gold. Dear Bennie, we miss you, there's none your place can fill, but yet we must submit for it is the Father's will; if we obey his dear commands we'll be forever blest, and one day meet our dear companion that is now at peace and rest. We sigh because the years have taken so much from which our hopes were staid, but if we wait with faith unshaken we need not be afraid.

If we have learned amid our losses, Not vainly have we met with earth's frowns.

Not vainly have we carried crosses, Not vainly sought for crowns.

For outward losses, born with meekness, Will turn at last to inward gain, And spite of human doubts and weaknesses.

We need not live in vain.

COMPANION.

Died, at Elk City, Kansas, November 2d, 1892, Mrs. MINNIE A. BERRYMAN, beloved wife of Dr. G. Q. Berryman of that place.

She was the daughter of James M. and Martha Stone Woods, and was born and brought up in Columbia, Boone county, Missouri, in which place her dear and mother now rest in God's half acre.

Born of Godly, religious parents, descended from a long line of God-fearing prayer loving ancestors, it was but natural she should lean on the Savior, and that all through her pilgrimage here she should feel the Father's arm thrown lovingly around her.

With such environments, religion and religious service were but second nature, and such transgressions as are common to many, were to her wholly unknown. A generous, high-toned-nature, a gentle, loving spirit, a truly consecrated, regenerated heart, a tender, sensitive conscience, always ready to condemn herself and pardon weakness in others, bravely defending the right, though all else oppose her. Living her religion daily, hourly holding sweet converse with her Master, patiently submitting herself to the chastising rod, coming out of the refining fire pure gold, polished and brightened as only great suffering can purify and beautify the hearts of the children of God.

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Some Novelties in the way of Dishes.

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P. H. JAQUITH.

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